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Applicant : S. KANNO et al
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Customer No.: 24956

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action of October 31, 2006 in response to the Advisory Action dated April 2, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.